

TWO by 2
Prayer/Newsletter January 06



Vision:

Do you have a vision? The vision of Two by 2 is to link up Christians who are similarly gifted, experienced and called, to go out on short term mission together. There may be a nurse in Melbourne who feels she would like to go to Afghanistan in 2007 for three months and another nurse in Italy with the same experience and desire. Two by 2, with the help of the world wide web, hopes to be able to link these two Christians together so that they can serve and support one another on mission. The vision is just a little closer to reality with the development of the following:

- ❖ New Two by 2 Web Site
- ❖ New Board and compliance with governance requirements
- ❖ New Subscribing Members
- ❖ New Helpers

Please pray that this vision will be fulfilled as soon as possible, that God will encourage those who are working at making this happen to continue in a determined, conscientious fashion, and that he will provide all the resources needed.

Web Site:

Stage one of the web site has now been completed and it is on the world wide web at www.twoby2.org. I have really appreciated the help of Tom Judd and Greg Poole in developing the website and bringing it to this stage. The next stage is to come closer to fulfilling the vision mentioned above; of linking up like-minded Christians so that they can go out and serve together.

AGM and New Board :

On the 8th November 2005, we held the inaugural Two by 2 AGM. A faithful Missions Committee (Robin Bali, Magda De Boer, Ed Hercus, Judy Hurst) has been meeting and praying and deciding on Two by 2 matters for many years. Two by Two Inc was recently incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 and to comply with the regulations, it was necessary for us to appoint a Board and submit annual returns to the Government. The members of the Board, elected at the inaugural AGM, are:

Denis Pontin	Chairman
Jeremy Burden	Secretary
Robin Bali	Treasurer
Judy Kay	Public Officer

I am extremely grateful to the committee who have supported me for many years and to Denis, Jeremy and Robin who have now taken on these Board positions. They bring a huge amount of experience and wisdom to Two by 2.

It is also with great joy that we welcome Joanna (Jo) Kay to the Committee. Jo and Tim are newly married and expecting their first child. They are studying at Tabor Bible College and learning Russian and are working towards future service in Russia.

Subscriptions:

Another new step is that Two by 2 now has a system for receiving subscriptions. You can join as a member for a cost of \$10 per annum. If you would like to support the work of Two by 2 by joining as a member or by making a donation, you can send a cheque made out to Two by Two Inc, 7 Yalleroi Avenue, West Pymble 2073, Australia or you can email Judy at jkay2x2@optushome.com.au and you will be sent our bank account details so that you can make a direct deposit. Money raised will be spent on helping short term missionaries go overseas (decisions on who and how much will be made by the Committee/Board) and covering administrative costs.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement – a Course on World Mission

Maybe this is the year for you to take your commitment to supporting world mission to another level. The Perspectives Course is an *experience* designed to educate and motivate Christians - as people who “go” cross culturally (short term or long term), or as people who actively support those who do. Courses are run around the world, including every state in Australia. Australian web site: www.perspectives.org.au

For those who live on Sydney’s North Shore, there is a course starting in Pymble. The “Basic” course starts in late February, while the “Advanced” section starts in mid July....Monday nights, from 7.30 to 10pm. The fee for the Basic course is \$180, with discounts for couples sharing resources, students and pensioners.

The course moves through the four “perspectives” (Biblical, Historical, Cultural, Strategic). Meetings are varied, and involve input (speaker or video), group discussion and other activities. Perspectives is sponsored by Missions Interlink and the Evangelical Missionary Alliance (which runs ReachOut).

Venue: Home of Anne & Dave Cornford, 51 Kendall Street, Pymble 2073. Numbers are limited to 15, so book early. Contact Course Co-ordinators: David and Anne by email (dcornford@optusnet.com.au) or phone 9498 6132, or Linday Russell 9449 8876 for more information, or if you would like them to send you an application form.

Gap Year:

I am very grateful for the help of Emily Moreton who is working with me to develop a Gap Year program. The Gap Year is the year immediately following the completion of the final

year of high school. Universities allow students to defer for a year, after receiving their offer of admission and many young people take this opportunity to travel. Emily went to China in 2005 for 6 months to teach English in a Chinese school. Our aim is to develop some short term mission opportunities for Christians who would like to take advantage of this Gap Year.

Mission Trip to Northern Sulawesi:

We have been invited to go back to Indonesia in June 2006 with a short term mission team. Please pray for wisdom as planning takes place.

Did you know...

- ❖ About one third of the world's population cannot read at all.
- ❖ Another third don't read well enough to understand the Scriptures, even if they have them in their own language.
- ❖ There are around 10,000 languages and dialects in the world.
- ❖ Thousands of languages have little or nothing of the Scriptures translated.
- ❖ Oral societies and many others prefer to listen and watch rather than read.

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PRAYER POINTS

1. Give thanks for our new Board members, Denis Pontin, Jeremy Burden and Robin Bali. Give thanks for the Missions Committee, Magda De Boer, Ed Hercus, Judi Hurst and new member Jo Kay and pray for each one - for wisdom and vision for them as they undertake their roles.
2. Please pray for Laura Philips, Jon Hutchens and Stephen Bardell in Honduras with International Teams and Jericho Ministries, building a refuge for ex prostitutes Jan 8-Feb 1, 06. Pray that the Lord will equip and use them for His glory. Pray for protection from the wiles of the enemy in every aspect of their lives. Pray for their families at home, that the Lord will help and encourage them, with their loved ones so far away.
3. Please pray for Raymond and Helen Howes who are going on a short term mission trip to Darwin from April to June 06. They will be tutoring Aboriginal students in English at Nungalinya College. Pray for them as they prepare (learning ESL methods) and that they will cope well with anything unexpected.
4. Give thanks that Viv Grant and Alyssea Kemp and the others in their team were greatly used by the Lord and did great good in the orphanage in China. Pray for them

as they balance daily life in Sydney with the knowledge of the relationships they formed with the orphans in China.

5. Please pray for wisdom and leading as short term mission trips for 2006 are planned.
6. Please pray for creativity, wisdom and leading as our Gap program is devised and developed. Give thanks for the help of Emily Moreton in this program.
7. Pray for the members of the Christian church in Indonesia, constantly struggling with persecution. Pray that the body will go from strength to strength.
8. Give thanks for our web site and pray for its ongoing development and helpful expansion.
9. Pray for the upcoming Perspectives course – that the Lord will lead those He wants to participate and richly bless them as they study.
10. Pray for Judy – for help in prioritising the various aspects of ministry, for wisdom and leading regarding the direction of the development of Two by 2 and for personal daily strength, protection, and guidance.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND LOVE

Bless you

Judy